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#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

##### **(U) Los Angeles – Man Charged with 64 Felony Counts After 1,000 Guns Seized**

(U) Girard Damian Saenz has been charged with 64 felony counts after police seized more than 1,000 guns from his home in Bel-Air. Saenz, who was arrested in May after officials received a tip about a person illegally manufacturing and selling guns in a home in Los Angeles, pleaded not guilty Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court. If convicted, Saenz faces up to 48 years and eight months in state prison. The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

SOURCE: 16 July 2019, [LA Times](#)

##### **(U) Los Angeles – MS-13 Members Indicted on 12 Counts**

(U) Twenty-two members of the MS-13 gang in Los Angeles have been charged with running a criminal racketeering enterprise enforced with a string of murders, some by machete. The 12-count US District Court indictment, handed down on Monday in Los Angeles, charges a subset of MS-13 members and associated known as the "Fulton clique" with killing seven people over the past two years, including gang rivals, people thought to be cooperating with police, and a homeless man who was found living on their "turf."

SOURCE: 16 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

##### **(U) Arizona – CBP Arrests Cocaine Smuggler**

(U) Tucson – US Customs and Border Protection officers seized nearly 19 pounds of cocaine from a 29-year-old man as he attempted to enter the US from Mexico at the Port of Nogales. CBP officers referred the man for further inspection of his Ford sedan, where a K-9 alerted to the vehicle, leading officers to discover several packages of cocaine concealed in the backseat. The drugs have an estimated street value of nearly \$500,000. Officers seized the drugs and vehicle and the subject was arrested.

SOURCE: 16 July 2019, [CBP](#)

##### **(U) California – Border Patrol Agents Seize 41 Pounds of Methamphetamine**

(U) Campo – Border Patrol agents assigned to the checkpoint on westbound Interstate 8 observed a red Honda Accord approach the checkpoint on 12 July. After an initial questioning of the driver, the agent sent the vehicle to secondary inspection for further examination. A K-9 performed a sniff of the vehicle, resulting in an alert near the driver side quarter-panel and rear bumper. Agents searched and discovered 31 plastic wrapped bundles concealed inside the gas tank containing 41.79 pounds of methamphetamine, which are valued at \$96,117. The driver, a 39-year-old US citizen, was placed under arrest and the narcotics were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

SOURCE: 16 July 2019, [CBP](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED****(U) NATIONAL****(U) District of Columbia – Mali Affiliate of Al-Qa’ida Added to US Terrorism List**

(U) Washington – The United States added a senior member of the al-Qa’ida affiliate in Mali to its global terrorism list yesterday, accusing him of engaging in destabilizing attacks across the West African country. Bah Ag Moussa, a leader of al-Qa’ida affiliate Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin, was designated by the US Treasury as a global terrorist and placed on a list of people whose assets in the United States can be blocked, the Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control said.

SOURCE: 16 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Bulgaria – Hackers Steal Millions of Financial Records**

(U) Sofia – Bulgaria's finance minister announced yesterday that hackers had stolen millions of taxpayers' financial data in an attack that one researcher said may have compromised nearly every adult's personal records. The breach of servers at the tax agency happened at the end of June and an official there said it was probably carried out from abroad. A person claiming to be a Russian hacker emailed local media on Monday offering access to the stolen data.

SOURCE: 16 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Libya – Manchester Bomber’s Brother Being Extradited to UK**

(U) Tripoli – The brother of a suicide bomber suspected of helping plan a 2017 attack on a concert in the British city of Manchester was being extradited from Libya today, according to the force that was holding him in the Libyan capital Tripoli. Salman Abedi, a 22-year-old Briton born to Libyan parents, blew himself up at the end of a show by singer Ariana Grande in the deadliest militant attack in Britain for 12 years. The blast killed 22 people and injured more than 500. London requested the extradition of his brother Hashem after police issued an arrest warrant for murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to cause an explosion.

SOURCE: 17 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Syria – At Least 12 Killed in Syrian Air Strike**

(U) Amman – At least 12 people were killed and scores wounded yesterday in aerial strikes believed to have been carried out by the Syrian air force on a popular market in a village in opposition-held northwestern Syria. Syrian state media said the army launched strikes on al-Qa’ida militants near Maar Shoreen, destroying their bases and killing scores of “terrorists.”

SOURCE: 16 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

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